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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: PROPERTY TAXES DEFERRED FOR SOLDIERS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

Today, the Budget Committee passed out Bill 66 (2004), introduced by Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki to Hawaii Kai), allowing reserve and National Guard citizen-soldiers called to active duty to defer payment of their City property taxes without penalty or interest for the duration of their mobilization.

Djou stated, "The mobilization of thousands of Hawaii reserve and National Guard soldiers for Iraq and Afghanistan can create serious financial burdens on soldiers' families. I am excited that the Honolulu City Council recognizes this problem and is moving to ease the economic stress on the families of these mobilized citizen-soldiers by granting a deferral of real property taxes for the duration of mobilization."

The Bill 66 passed the Budget Committee unanimously and will now go before the full Council for final reading on December 1.

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